

**TOWN OF GROTON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MAY 3, 2005 - 7:30 P.M.
GROTON TOWN HALL ANNEX - COMMUNITY ROOM 2**

Members Present: C. Nado, E. Cole, R. Seager, R. Keyes

Members Absent: K. Vaughn

Staff: K. Quinn, S. Discordia

Chairman Nado called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Cole read the Call of the Hearing as it appearing in The Day.

Chairman Nado appointed Cole as a voting member.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings opened at 7:32 p.m.

HDC 05-23 – 37 New London Road; David and Sandra Carpenter, owners/applicants; install garden window, weathervane and window shutters. PIN #261917108158

David Carpenter, owner of 37 New London Road, presented the Commission with material sheets for the garden window, weathervane and window shutters. Chairman Nado asked the depth of the garden window. Mr. Carpenter stated it's about 16" deep. Mr. Carpenter stated its PVC vinyl and white. The shutters are cedar. Seager didn't have a problem with anything except for the window, but he didn't think it was visible enough to have an impact on the historic district. Keyes stated she didn't think the window would be a problem. Cole didn't think the window would be noticeable. Chairman Nado stated he felt the same regarding the window.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 3 brochures listing materials and showing dimensions

HDC 05-24 – 2750 Gold Star Highway; Ruth Keyes, owner/applicant; add a 10 x 18 saltbox shed. PIN #271013234735

The hearing will have to be readvertised as it was advertised with the wrong address for the shed. The applicant will fill out another application as she wishes to include a garden shed as well. Application HDC 05-24 was withdrawn and a new number was assigned.

HDC 05-25 – 15 Burrows Street; Richard P. Boardman, owner/applicant; add an 8 x 12 storage shed. PIN #261918216151

Richard Boardman, owner, presented a drawing of the small storage shed to the Commission. He submitted a drawing showing the layout in the yard. The Commission liked the shed and didn't see a problem with it.

Chairman Nado asked for public comments and there were none.

The following exhibits were presented:

- 2 photos
- 2 drawings with dimensions

Public hearings closed at 7:48 p.m.

DISCUSSION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARING

HDC 05-23 – 37 New London Road

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Seager, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

HDC 05-24 – 2750 Gold Star Highway

MOTION: To continue the hearing to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion made by Seager, seconded by Cole, so voted unanimously.

HDC 05-25 – 15 Burrows Street

MOTION: To grant a Certificate of Appropriateness as submitted.

Motion made by Cole, seconded by Keyes, so voted unanimously.

PRE-APPLICATION HEARINGS

Chris Zauner, 19 Pearl Street, would like to extend the platform to 20' x 10'. The Commission asked for a sketch showing dimensions. The Commission also asked for a couple of more photos showing the platform from different angles.

George Kanabis, 19 East Main Street, representing the owners of 32-34 West Main Street. He would like to replace the half size windows that are in the front of the old "Drawbridge Inn" with full size picture windows. Mr. Kanabis showed a picture of the building from when it was originally constructed showing full size windows. Chairman Nado would like a photo from across the street showing the whole front of the building. The applicants stated they are not changing the doors. Keyes stated that the doors that are on the building now were never brought before the Commission for approval. Seager stated that the applicant should come in for another preliminary discussion with more details and dimensions of windows. Chairman Nado also requested a catalogue showing the type of windows and materials to be installed. The applicant

also asked if awnings need to be approved as well and the Commission stated yes. Chairman Nado stated that any repair work, replacing like with like, or painting, does not need to come before the Commission.

The Commission agreed that this was a high profile building in downtown Mystic and they would need to have another preliminary discussion with the applicants before a hearing was scheduled.

William A. Colom, 12 Burrows Street, would like to put up a white, cedar picket fence around the house. He showed the Commission photos of the house and a drawing showing where the fence would be. Cole asked how high the fence would be and the applicant stated 48”.

Paul and Debbie Bied, 7 Burrows Street, showed the Commission a photo and drawing of their home. They would like to put up a 3-foot picket fence to enclose their yard. The pickets are 3.5” wide and the spaces between are 2.25” apart. The Commission asked the applicants to submit materials sheets with dimensions at the public hearing.

Ruth Keyes, 2800 Gold Star Highway, would like to add a garden shed on the property to the northeast side of her house and a saltbox storage shed on the west side of her driveway. The saltbox style shed is 10’ x 18’ and the garden shed is 10’ x 12’. She showed pictures of the sheds to the Commission.

John Graves, 360 High Street, would like to remove the “Yankee” gutters and strip the roof to the garage. He would like to install a water and ice shield and architectural style asphalt shingles. The Commission stated they need better pictures and more detail. The Commission members discussed whether this could be classified as technically a gutter and if it is historic or not. The Commission would like a brochure of the shingles he would like to use.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 19, 2005

Motion made by Keyes, seconded by Seager, so voted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Staff discussed with the Town Clerk regarding changing the start time of the Historic District Commission meetings from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Staff stated that the Town Clerk stated that there is a 30-day period before the new time can go into affect.

MOTION: To change the start time of the Historic District Commission meetings from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m. starting June 21st, 2005.

Motion made by Seager, seconded by Keyes, so voted unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. made by Seager, seconded by Keyes, so voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Cole, Secretary